

(1) moving the base terminal to determine the location of the vehicle.

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~~30~~. (New) A method of securing collateral for a loan when indicated by a loan status, the collateral comprises a vehicle, a transmitter capable of transmitting locational data regarding the vehicle is installed within the vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a signal in response to a change in the loan status;

(b) establishing a data link from a base terminal to the transmitter upon the receipt of the signal representative of the loan status being in a default condition;

(c) transmitting locational data from the transmitter to the base terminal via the data link; and

(d) determining the location of the vehicle from the locational data transmitted to the base terminal for use in confiscating the vehicle.

#### REMARKS

The subject patent application is a continuation patent application of U.S. Serial No. 09/103,419, filed on June 24, 1998. A Notice of Allowance in relation to such parent application was mailed on August 30, 1999. This Preliminary Amendment is being provided so as to amend the claims in a manner which better defines the novel and unobvious aspects of method of the present invention.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting

allowance of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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